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Four political objectives

- * Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order
- * National reconsolidation
- * Emergence of a new enduring State Constitution
- * Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution

Four economic objectives

- * Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well
- * Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
- * Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investments from sources inside the country and abroad
- * The initiative to shape the national economy must be kept in the hands of the State and the national peoples

Four social objectives

- * Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation
- * Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character
- * Uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit
- * Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San attend 10th Buddha Pujaniya Festival, rice offering ceremony of Maha Shwesigyi Pagoda in Kanbalu

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San offer alms, fruits, water and flowers to the Maha Muni Buddha Image at the eastern archway of Maha Shwesigyi Pagoda in Kanbalu.—MNA



Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San offer provisions to a Sayadaw.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Jan—Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San attended the 10th Buddha Pujaniya Festival

and rice offering ceremony of Maha Shwesigyi Pagoda in Kanbalu of Shwebo District, Sagaing Division yesterday morning and offered provisions.

Present on the occasion were 45 members of Sangha led by Secretary of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee

Nyaungdon Sayadaw Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Bhaddanta Osadabhivamsa, State Ovadacariya Sayadaws Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Bhaddanta Kavisara of Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana Maha Withutarama Zaygon Monastery and Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Bhaddanta Vimalabhivamsa, Presiding Sayadaw of Pakhan Monastery in Shwebo, Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and wife, the Commander-in-Chief (Navy), the Commander-in-Chief (Air), senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence, the commanders, the ministers and departmental heads, departmental officials in Shwebo District and townships in the district, wellwishers, members of religious and social organizations and local people.

Before the ceremony, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San offered alms, fruits, water and flowers to the Maha Muni Buddha Image at eastern archway.

This was followed by consecration ceremony of the pagoda. Altogether 45 members of the Sangha consecrated the Maha Shwesigyi Pagoda.

Next, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San offered dawn meal to the members of the Sangha at Sasana Beikmantaw in the precinct of the pagoda.

Afterwards, rice-offering ceremony followed in the precinct of the pagoda. Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San and party, (see page 8)



PERSPECTIVES

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Follow rules, regulations and restrictions on fire preventive measures

Fire is a good friend, but a bad master, so everyone, every family, every ward and every township have to use fire in a systematic way to be able to avert evil consequences of fire outbreaks.

In 2009 alone, Myanmar faced 714 outbreaks of fire, 498 of which were due to negligence, and 147, due to short circuit.

The consumption of electric power in the nation is getting higher in proportion to the development of the life quality of the people. What is the most important in that regard is to use electrical appliances systematically. The common causes of the fire outbreaks due to short circuit are miss to turn off power and unsystematic use of voltage regulators.

Fire is well preventable if Fire Services members take preventive measures effectively and the people use it with careful attention.

So, the entire people are urged to follow strictly the rules and regulations and restrictions on fire preventive measures in order to prevent fire outbreaks.

Air Bagan Myanmar Masters-2010 golf tournament continues



YANGON, 29 Jan—Air Bagan Myanmar Masters-2010 golf tournament continued for second day at Punhlaing Golf Club here this morning.

After the second day, Australian golfer Gavin Flint led the tournament with 135 strokes followed by Malaysian golfer Akhmal Tarmizee with 138 strokes and Finnish golfer Jani Pertilla with 140 strokes. Lucas Lee (Brazil), Min Naing (Myanmar) and Takafumi Kawane (Japan)

shared the fourth place with 141 strokes each. Aung Win (Myanmar), Eltoro Sjöholm (Sweden), Naing Naing Lin (Myanmar), Hsu Chia-Jen (China Taipei) and Michell Slorach (Singapore) shared fifth place with 142 strokes each. Third day of the tourney takes place on 30 January. Admission is free.

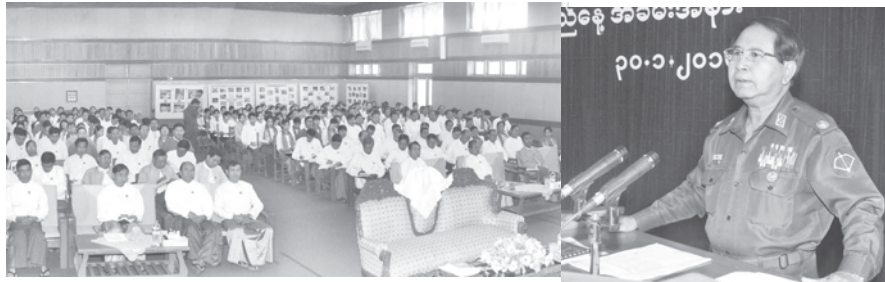
The tournament is jointly organized by Asian Development Tour and Myanmar PGA.

The main sponsor of the tournament is Air Bagan Ltd, presenting sponsor, International Beverages Trading Co Ltd (IBTC) and co-sponsors, Max Myanmar, Punhlaing Golf Club, Hotel Yangon, MGF and MPGA.

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People's Desire

- * Oppose those relying on external elements, acting as stooges, holding negative views
- * Oppose those trying to jeopardize stability of the State and progress of the nation
- * Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State
- * Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy

Information and Public Relations Department marks 19th founding anniversary

Information Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan makes a speech at the 19th founding anniversary of the Information and Public Relations Department.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Jan—Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan in his address at the ceremony to mark the 19th founding anniversary of the Information and Public Relations Department under the Ministry of Information held at the ministry here this morning said that the departments and enterprises under the Ministry of Information hold their founding anniversaries ceremonies with two purposes: to review the strong and weak points of last year's performances in realizing objectives in order to achieve greater success the following year; and to boost the service personnel's sense of responsibility by awarding who award is due.

He noted the objectives are simple, but staff members have to honour them with all seriousness. The success the department achieved in performing its functions in the 2009-2010 financial year was satisfactory, but some branches in states and divisions and districts still have weak points in their tasks, so they have to work harder than ever.

Heads of state/division and district branch are to seek better ways and means in dealing with and rendering assistance to subordinates for greater success in 2010-2011 financial year, he said, adding that the number of the prizes presented this year is more than that last year. He stressed the need for the service personnel to shoulder tasks with a sense of duty in response to the government's benevolent attitude towards them, and the heads of branch, to make further clarification to that point for the knowledge of their subordinates after getting back at their mother units.

He disclosed that the department will adopt 12 objectives for the 2010-2011 fiscal year, one more than that in 2009-2010.

In conclusion, the minister called for collaborative, harmonious cooperation of the staff members at all levels with duty consciousness to boost the achievement in pursuing the tasks. The objectives the IPRD will have to implement in 2010-2011 fiscal year are:—

1. To make all-out efforts in terms of the media to ensure successful completion of the 2010 multiparty general election,
2. To ensure sustainable development of self-reliant village libraries,
3. To upgrade Our Village Journal both in appearance and in quality, and improve the distribution system,
4. To organize villages to get at least a newspaper,

5. To organize villages to get at least a television,
6. To organize households to get at least a radio,
7. To conduct itinerant library, wall newspaper, photo show, and educative talks for two to three days at least one time in every village and township,
8. To improve the media of district and township branches and to ensure pro-government
9. For district and township departments to keep in touch with and submit latest political, economic and social stories of the region concerned in time and to launch counter media attacks
10. To bring about responsible and reliable media persons,
11. To speed up staff welfare tasks through agricultural and livestock farming,
12. To shape the Myanmar media world into the fourth pillar in the national interest.

The minister and heads of department and enterprise presented gifts to outstanding staff.

After the ceremony, the minister viewed prize winning photos, and documentary photos on tasks for ensuring sustainable progress of self-reliant village libraries, agricultural and livestock farming, and festivities for staff members and their family members.

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Information Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan presents a prize to second-placed winner U Shwe Thein (Maung Chaint) in short story contest to mark 19th founding anniversary of the IPRD.

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Iraqis and US soldiers inspect the site of a bomb blast at Iraq's forensics headquarters in central Baghdad on 26 January. An al-Qaeda group claimed responsibility on Friday for this week's suicide bomb attack at Iraq's forensics headquarters in Baghdad, killing 18 people, wounding 80 others and destroying the building.—INTERNET

Female violence hits record high in the UK

LONDON, 30 Jan —The number of women arrested for violent offences hit a record high in the UK last year, more than doubling over the last decade, *The Sun* reported yesterday. Some 88,139 females were held for committing violence last year, compared to 37,100 such arrests in 2000.

The latest report from the Ministry of Justice showed the number of women arrested for fighting soared by 1,000 last year, while the figure for men fell by 10,000 to just under 390,000. Cops blamed the surge in female brutality on

the hard-drinking culture among young women. Hundreds of females brawl in the street every weekend. There was also a rise in attacks by girl gangs.

Some 13,690 women were arrested on drug-related offences, up nearly 1,600 on 2008. Another 8,308 were held for fraud or forgery, a rise of nearly 500. The opposition Conservative justice spokesman Dominic Grieve called the figures deeply disturbing. "It's a damning indictment on this government's failure to get to grips with social problems from drug abuse to family breakdown," he said.—*Internet*

Home-made explosives recovered in S Afghanistan

KABUL, 30 Jan — A joint force of Afghan and international troops seized 227 kg of home-made explosives in the country's volatile southern part on Friday.

A Press release issued by the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) said the joint patrol team recovered the cache in Yekken Baba Ziarat District of Helmand Province on Friday afternoon.

Three suspects were nabbed on the spot, said the ISAF Press release, adding that the explosives will be destroyed afterwards.—*Xinhua*

Three Americans killed in Afghanistan

KABUL, 30 Jan — Two US service members and one US employee were killed on Friday in eastern Afghanistan, pushing the American death toll this month to 29. NATO announced the deaths in a brief statement that did not say whether the three were killed by hostile fire or an accident. It said the incident was under investigation and no further information was available at this time.

The number of American dead as January draws to a close is more than double the 14 reported in the same month last year, reflecting warnings that more US casualties were expected with an influx of 37,000 coalition forces as part of President Barack Obama's strategy against the Taliban.

Internet

Taleban attack repelled in Afghan city of Lashkar Gah

KABUL, 30 Jan —An attack by Taleban fighters in the southern Afghan city of Lashkar Gah has been repelled by government troops backed by NATO forces, officials say. Five militants had been killed and four Afghan soldiers injured in an eight-hour gun battle, the officials added.

The Taleban said seven men with suicide bombs and machine guns had killed 20 Afghan and foreign soldiers in government buildings and an army base. Lashkar Gah is the capital of volatile Helmand Province.

Provincial officials said the attack had started about 1000 local time (0530 GMT) when militants took over an empty four-

storey building under construction near the Sharwali barracks and opened fire on soldiers and police. NATO spokesman Lt Nico Melendez said international forces had provided attack helicopters as Afghan forces laid siege to the building.

When the battle finally ended near nightfall, five attackers had been killed, said Afghan Army Gen Sher Mohammad Zazai. He said four Afghan soldiers had been wounded in the clash but there had been no civilian casualties. Daud Ahmadi, a spokesman for the provincial governor, said "two to three" of the attackers had detonated their explosives. The Taleban insurgency is at its fiercest in south and east Afghanistan.

Internet



Afghan soldiers were injured as they laid siege to the building.
INTERNET

Eight wounded in separate attacks in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 30 Jan — Eight people, including four Iraqi soldiers, were wounded in separate attacks in Iraq on Friday, the Iraqi Interior Ministry said.

A roadside bomb near a mosque in northern Baghdad exploded when patrolling Iraqi soldiers passed, leaving four of them wounded, said an official from the ministry. Two civilians were slightly injured when a roadside bomb went off near a house in a village in Diyala Province, the source said.

In a third attack, also in Diyala, a woman and a man were wounded after being shot by gunmen.

Sporadic attacks are almost seen every day in some parts of Iraq as the country is preparing for its parliamentary election scheduled for 7 March.—*Xinhua*



Looters wait to be interrogated at a police office in Port-au-Prince, capital of Haiti, on 29 Jan, 2010. More than 50 people looted an electrical appliance shop here on Friday. US soldiers and Haiti policemen detained the looters after a cross fire, with one looter shot dead. — XINHUA

6.0 magnitude earthquake hits off Vanuatu

WASHINGTON, 30 Jan — An earthquake of 6.0 magnitude struck today deep under the sea off the Pacific island nation of Vanuatu, US monitors said. There was no immediate tsunami warning. The quake struck at 8:20 pm (2020 AEDT) at a depth of 85 kilometres, the US Geological Survey said.

Its epicentre lay 62 kilometres northeast of the Vanuatu town of Isangel and 194 kilometres southeast of the South Pacific nation's capital, Port Vila. There was no alert issued by the Hawaii-based Pacific Tsunami Warning Centre.

Internet

Indonesia extends sea ports operation period after free trade

JAKARTA, 30 Jan—Indonesian Coordinating Minister for Economy Hatta Rajasa said on Friday that the country had extended operation period at four main sea ports following the implementation of the ASEAN-China free trade on 1 Jan.

More imports have been predicted to flow in

Indonesia which has huge domestic market with over 230 million people, but, with soaring global demands and prices of exports from emerging markets, it is predicted that the country's exports would rise. "The operation period has risen to 24 hours a day, seven days a week, in the four main sea ports. It is at

sea ports of Tanjung Priok (Jakarta), Tanjung Perak (East Java), Belawan (North Sumatra) and Makassar sea ports (South Sulawesi), Rajasa said at his speech at Tanjung Priok sea port here.

Indonesia has started to recover from the fallout of the global recession with its exports forecast to grow at about 5 percent this year after a decline of 17-19 percent last year, Trade Minister Mari Elka Pangestu has said.

Xinhua



A woman makes cookies out of mud to sell in the Cite Soleil neighbourhood in Port-au-Prince, on 27 Jan, 2010. Made of dirt, salt and vegetable shortening, the cookies were already one of very few options for the poorest in Haiti even before the devastating on 12 Jan earthquake.—INTERNET

GDF Suez, Santos reach Australian LNG deal

PARIS, 30 Jan—French energy giant GDF Suez signed an agreement with its Australian partners at Santos to develop three offshore gas fields in Australia, the company said.

GDF Suez announced a \$200 million deal with Santos that concludes plans launched in August to develop its Bonaparte liquefied natural gas project.

The integrated project envisions the construction of a floating liquefaction plant with a capacity to produce more than 2 million tons of LNG per year.

The project relies on gas resources from the Petrel, Tern and Frigate gas fields in the Bonaparte gas basin in the Timor Sea, which GDF Suez described as one of the rich-

est gas regions in Australia. GDF said the three fields "represent a significant potential for growth" in its Asia-Pacific portfolio.

GDF Suez takes a 60-percent stake in the

project, which is expected to last three years.

Drilling campaigns in the Bonaparte basin start at the end of 2010 to confirm the resource potential of the region.

Internet



A new Toyota Highlander waits to be unloaded from a truck at Hanlees Hilltop Toyota, on 29 Jan, in Richmond, California. Toyota, which overtook General Motors in 2008 as the top-selling automaker, has been bedeviled by a series of safety issues that have raised questions about whether it sacrificed its legendary quality to become world number one.

INTERNET



A man arranges books at the 42nd Cairo International Book Fair in Cairo, capital of Egypt, on 29 Jan, 2010. The 42nd Cairo International Book Fair opened on Friday, with the participation of around 800 exhibitors from 31 countries and regions.—XINHUA

Airbus lifts average jet price by 5.8%

PARIS, 30 Jan—The European plane maker Airbus announced on Friday its plan to lift its catalogue price of current jets by 5.8 percent in average, the first price hike in two years.

The European aircraft manufacturer raised the proposed A350-380's price by 7.8 percent to 225 million US dollars and lifted the list price of A380 superjumbo to 346.3 million US dollars from 327 million dollars.

The list prices for A350-900 and A350-1000

were also hiked by 5.8 percent.

The price hikes were caused by "the continuing strength of the Euro against the US dollar and the ongoing financial challenges ahead," said John Leahy, the Airbus Chief Operating Officer-Customers.

Airbus sells planes in dollars but pays its employees and other expenditure in euros. Strong euros plus the recent financial shortage on Europe's largest defence project A400M forced the group to take action.

Last February, Airbus' archrival Boeing Co raised its list price.

Airbus delivered 498 aircraft in 2009, a historical record, and exceeded Boeing's annual sales.

Xinhua

Positive sentiments for Singapore's manufacturing sector

SINGAPORE, 30 Jan—Business sentiments in Singapore's manufacturing sector are expected to improve in the first half of 2010, with a weighted 21 percent of firms expecting better business conditions.

This is according to the latest survey released by Singapore's Economic Development Board on Friday, which indicated the positive business sentiment is broad-based with all clusters projecting a better business situation as compared to three months ago.

Within the manufacturing sector, the precision engineering cluster is the most optimistic, with a net weighted balance of 23 percent of firms expecting business conditions to improve.

This is followed by the transport engineering cluster with a net weighted balance of 21 percent.

The employment situation is expected to be stable, with a weighted 86 percent of manufacturers expecting employment level in the first quarter of 2010 to remain similar to the fourth quarter of 2009.

Xinhua

Ford posts profit of \$2.7 bln in 2009

CHICAGO, 30 Jan—The US automaker Ford on Friday reported an annual net income of 2.7 billion US dollars for 2009.

According to a company official, its focus on its North American business and core brands helped the company generate its first full-year profit since 2005.

Ford Chief Executive Alan Mulally has predicted the company would earn money again this year, achieving sustainable profitability well ahead of schedule.

Mulally described 2009 as a pivotal year for Ford, the only US automaker to get through a horrendous industry downturn without going bankrupt.—Xinhua

China values ICTs cooperation with Africa

ADDIS ABABA, 30 Jan— The Chinese government attaches great importance to cooperation with Africa in the Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) sector, Chinese Envoy and Deputy Foreign Minister Zhai Jun said in a recent interview with *Xinhua*.

The Chinese department in charge of information and communication

will strengthen communication and cooperation with their African counterparts and establish consultation mechanisms, Zhai said.

Meanwhile, the Chinese government will support capable enterprises to open business in Africa, in a bid to make contribution to African countries' economic development and promote modernization of

communication in the continent, he said.

The cooperation between China and Africa in the ICTs sector has played an active role in advancing Africa's overall communication level, promoting the continent's economic development, and bridging the "digital gap" between Africa and the rest of the world, the Chinese envoy said.—*Xinhua*

Strong appeals made at Davos forum for Millennium Development Goals

DAVOS, 30 Jan — Strong appeals were made here on Friday that the UN Millennium Development Goals should be realized despite global economic setbacks.

"The global economic downturn cannot be an excuse for not meeting the goals," said Jeffrey D Sachs, director of the Earth Institute at Columbia University and special adviser to UN Secretary-

General on the Millennium Development Goals.

"Lack of financing has nothing to do with this recession," he said. "It has to do with neglect."

Sachs also said that what is lacking is just a fraction of a percent of most countries' GDP. "This is not heavy lifting

for the world."

Speakers at the session with the title of "Meeting the Millennium Development Goals" at the Annual Meeting of World Economic Forum were concerned whether the goals could be reached before the 2015 deadline.

Xinhua

Students attend a job fair for college graduates in Haikou, capital of south China's Hainan Province, on 29 Jan, 2010. A total of 3,900 job vacancies were provided at the job fair, which attracted more than 4,000 graduates. —XINHUA



Freight train derailed in north-western Germany, blocking traffic

BERLIN, 30 Jan—A freight train loaded with car parts derailed in Germany's northwestern state of Lower Saxony on Friday morning, forcing nearby railway traffic to a halt, local police said.

The derailment happened near the village of Schandelah, when two empty carriages jumped off the rails from the 600-metre-long train, police said. No injuries were reported.

This was the fifth freight train derailment taking place in Germany in January.

The operator, German national railway company Deutsche Bahn (DB), said the train was on its way from Magdeburg, capital city of the Saxony-Anhalt state, to Braunschweig in Lower Saxony.

The railway line from the east to the west has been temporarily closed and some passenger trains were expected to be delayed, the company said.

Accident investigators arrived at the scene to find why three axles of the train carriages could have lost contacts with the tracks.—*Xinhua*

Workers repair the railroad access to Machu Picchu town, flooded by the Vilcanota River, after torrential rains in Cuzco on 28 Jan, 2010. —XINHUA



Australian research centre to secure global food needs

CANBERRA, 30 Jan— The University of Adelaide in South Australia has opened a new agricultural research facility that is expected to produce discoveries which will

help secure global food needs.

Professor Mark Tester, director of the facility, said on Thursday the research centre will be ground-breaking.

"Ultimately this facility will enable researchers to respond faster to market needs," he said.

"We are confident that research conducted using this facility will lead to major discoveries that hold the key to solving some of the world's greatest problems in food production and hence food security in the face of cli-

mate change."

The 30 million Australian dollar (27 million US dollar) Plant Accelerator has 50 high-technology super-greenhouses and laboratories which will allow continual measurement of the attributes of up to 160,000 plants per year.

Scientists said it will allow more rapid identification of plant and crop varieties destined for success, reducing the time between the breeding of new varieties and their use in agriculture.

Xinhua

All Items from Xinhua News Agency

At least 12 dead in torrential rains in southern Peru

LIMA, 30 Jan— At least 12 people were killed and more went missing due to heavy rains and flooding in southern Peru, local media reported on Friday.

Nearly 5,000 homes and 18,000 hectares of crops were damaged, and 80,000

people were made homeless by the rains that have lasted four days. The economic losses could amount to 180 million US dollars. The casualties are expected to rise steadily in the wake of the disaster caused by the El Nino weather phenomenon, officials said. A state of emergency has been declared in the area.

So far, about 4,000 tourists trapped in Aguas Calientes town have been rescued. The swelling Vilcanota River in the area destroyed houses, bridges and railways linking the town to Cusco, the historic capital of the Inca Empire.

According to local media, cancellation of tourist packages to Cusco could cause a daily loss of around 1 million dollars. Peruvian President Alan Garcia has pledged efforts to swiftly repair the damaged railway and restore tourist flow to the town. —*Xinhua*



A man checks out a Roadster Sport on the floor of the Tesla Motors first South Florida location in 2009 in Dania Beach, Florida. Tesla Motors said on Friday that it plans an initial public offering of stock that could raise as much as 100 million dollars.—INTERNET

US drone attack kills five in Pakistan's tribal area

ISLAMABAD, 30 Jan — Four missiles fired by a suspected US drone aircraft on Friday night killed at least five people in northwest Pakistan's tribal area bordering Afghanistan, local TV channels reported on Saturday.

The reports said the unmanned attack targeted a compound in the Datta Khel area of North Waziristan tribal agency. Sources said all those killed in the strike were militants.

North and South Waziristan are believed to be the sanctuaries for al-Qaeda and Taleban militants. There have been about a dozen such strikes this year alone. The US has stepped up drone attacks in tribal areas but the latest came after a silence of two weeks.

More than 700 people have died in nearly 80 drone strikes since August 2008. A surge in such strikes has been ordered by US President Barack Obama. Paki-

stan has publicly criticized drone attacks, saying they fuel support for militants, but observers said the authorities privately condone the strikes.

A poll conducted by Gallup Pakistan for Al-Jazeera in July 2009 found that only nine percent of Pakistanis supported the drone strikes. The poll was based on face-to-face interviews with more than 2,500 Pakistanis throughout the country. —Xinhua

Yemeni forces kill 10 rebels in Saada

SANAA, 30 Jan — Yemeni forces have killed 10 Shiite rebels, known as the Houthis, in crackdowns against suspected rebel hideouts in the northern province of Saada, ruling party's website, al-Motamar, reported on Friday.

According to the report, five of the rebel fatalities were disguised in military uniforms.

Among those killed were also leaders Abu al-Shadid and Abu Hadi, the report added. The operations also left several rebels injured. Yet, the report did not give the exact number of casualties among the Houthis. —Xinhua

US military cargos to fly across Russia to Afghanistan soon

MOSCOW, 30 Jan — The United States will soon start transporting military supplies to Afghanistan across Russian air space as only some technical problems remain, Russia's NATO envoy Dmitry Rogozin said on Friday.

Russia and the United States have discussed in detail the transit of military cargos through Russian air space on condition of inspection, Rogozin said in a video Press conference between Moscow and Brussels. A summit between Russian President Dmitry Medvedev and US President Barack Obama in July 2009 saw an agreement allowing 4,500 flights a year carrying US troops and weapons to Afghanistan across the Russian territory for free. —Xinhua

Company offers tips for shark enthusiasts

MANHATTAN BEACH, 30 Jan — A US tourism company says individuals wanting to catch a glimpse of a shark are best served visiting locales like Hawaii, Australia and South Africa.

VirtualTourist.com of Manhattan Beach, Calif., said on Friday among the top spots to see sharks worldwide is the Hawaiian island of Molokini where shark enthusiasts can watch the maritime predators with little risk to their personal safety.

Second on the company's shark-sighting list is Fraser Island off the coast of Queensland, Australia. But tourists should stay out of the water. —Xinhua

Billionaire unveils underwater 'plane'

A British billionaire has unveiled a submarine created with fighter jet technology to allow for underwater "flying."

Richard Branson, 59, the billionaire head of Virgin Atlantic, said US company Hawkes built the \$664,000 *Necker Nymph* prototype to reach depths of 130 feet and he is in the process of building a stronger model to travel up to 35,000 feet below the surface of the ocean, *The Sun* reported on Friday.

"It is very similar to an airplane flying in the sea. You can literally do loop-the-loops," Branson said.

He said the carbon fiber plane will be based at his private Necker Island and he will offer underwater tours to vacationers.



Multnomah Falls is shown in Multnomah Falls, Ore, 30 miles east of Portland, along the Historic Columbia River Highway. Multnomah Falls is the tallest waterfall in the State of Oregon. The highway is a winding road amidst lush green trees and cascading waterfalls, overlooks that provide views of the Columbia River. The highway is an approximately 75-miles and was built through the Columbia River Gorge between 1913 and 1922.



Two polar bears enjoy themselves at the Harbin Polarland in Harbin, capital of northeast China's Heilongjiang Province, during their first public appearance after two weeks of winter health care.

Clowns to help ailing kids in Italy

Italian Equal Opportunity Minister Mara Carafagna said on Friday clowns will be used to lift the spirits of sick children in the country's hospitals.

Carafagna said the \$2 million plan will involve using an estimated 35 groups of Clown Doctors to brighten the days of young patients throughout Italy through hospital visits, the Italian news agency ANSA reported.

"The idea is reduce the stress of hospital recovery and make our pediatric wards a little more child-friendly," Carafagna said. "We think a little laughter is important to the healing process, especially for kids, and we're happy to support any effort to do that."

Rome pediatrician Alberto Ugazio said clown doctors have already been used at his Bambino Gesù hospital and have proven beneficial even to long-term care patients.



Tigers are about to attack a yak in a wild animal park in Changzhou city, East China's Jiangsu Province, on 28 Jan, 2009. A frightened yak ran out of its breeding area and entered that of the fierce animals by accident. It jumped into a pool for cover, but still couldn't escape the fate though zoo staff arrived immediately for its rescue.

Pilot, wife unharmed in rough landing

The pilot of a small single-engine plane that made an emergency belly landing on a Florida highway walked away from the crash with his pregnant wife.

Justin Robinette, 26, said he and his wife Ciji, 25, were unharmed on Thursday when he put the *Piper PA 32* down on Interstate 75 about 2:15 pm near Mile Marker 28 in Broward County, the South Florida Sun-Sentinel reported Friday.

"I'm so glad to be alive. The three of us survived," Ciji Robinette said, referring to herself, her husband and her unborn daughter.

Broward Sheriff Fire Rescue said the Robinettes were on their way to Florida's Opa-locka Airport when the plane started experiencing engine troubles.

"We've had landings here before, but you're extremely lucky not to have injuries in this case," Florida Highway Patrol Sgt Mark Wysocky said.

NEWS ALBUM

Lt-Gen Tin Aye attends Shwehtitaw hoisting ceremony of Shwesigon Pagoda



Member of the SPDC

Lt-Gen Tin Aye,

Culture Minister

Maj-Gen Khin Aung

Myint and

wellwishers hoist

Seinbutaw (diamond orb) atop the pagoda.

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NAY PYI TAW, 30 Jan – Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Tin Aye of the Ministry of Defence attended the ceremony to hoist the Shwehtitaw (golden umbrella) atop Shwesigon Pagoda and the consecration ceremony at Makhara Myohaung village in Singaing Township of Kyaukse District, Mandalay Division on 29 January.

It was also attended by members of the Sangha led

by Sitagu World Buddhist Missionary Sayadaw Dr. Bhaddanta Nannisara, Presiding Sayadaw of all-round renovation of Shwesigon Pagoda Kyaukse Maha Gandayon Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kusala and Amarapura Maha Gandayon Sayadaw Bhaddanta Maheinda, Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint and departmental officials and local people.

Lt-Gen Tin Aye supplicated on the religious

matters, and wellwishers presented Seinbutaw (diamond orb) and Hngetmyatnataw (pennant vane) to the Sitagu World Buddhist Missionary Sayadaw.

Next, wellwishers led by Lt-Gen Tin Aye and Minister Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint hoisted Htaw, Hngetmyatnataw and Seinbutaw atop of the pagoda. Members of the Sangha consecrated the pagoda

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UMFCCI officials leave for Japan

YANGON, 30 Jan – A three-member Myanmar delegation led by Joint General Secretary Dr. Myo Thet of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce

and Industry on 26 January left here for Japan by air to attend the AOTS Training Program on Functional Enhancement for Chambers of Commerce to be held in Tokyo, Japan from

28 January to 11 February.

They were seen off at Yangon International Airport by General Secretary Dr. Maung Maung Lay of the federation and officials.—MNA

H&T Ministry conducts Basic Computer Course

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Jan – Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing addressed opening of Basic Computer Course No. (1/2010) of the ministry at the

auditorium of the ministry here yesterday.

The course aimed to acquire computer knowledge to be able to apply it in line with the policy of implementing e-

Government.

A total of 20 officers and other ranks of the ministry are attending the eight-week course.

MNA

Prize awarding ceremony of Rakhine Thahaya Association (Yangon) and Rakhine Women Association (Yangon) on 6 March

YANGON, 30 Jan—Organized by Rakhine Thahaya Association (Yangon) and Rakhine Women Association (Yangon), the prize presenting ceremony for Rakhine BEHS students passed with five and six distinctions from Rakhine State and other areas, offspring students of these members who stood first in music, sports, literature of

national and international level have requested to inform above mentioned students and the persons through following contacts not later than 20 February.

Those wishing to make donation may contact U Khin Maung Soe (Ph: 552126), U Myo Swe (09-5001180), U Kyaw Yin (09-5126489), U Zaw Aye Maung (09-5140407), Daw Mya Win

(573143), Daw Win May (387451), Daw Yin Pyu (577736), U Zaw Win (09-5006820), and U Tha Mya Kyaw (09-5155419), U Tun Naing (09-8510400), U Oo Myint Kyaw (09-5064653) and the EC of the associations and No. 115, first floor (right), Thameinbayan Street, near Tamway roundabout, Rakhine Thahaya Association Office (430172).—MNA

MGMI organizes Industrial Products Show

YANGON, 30 Jan – Managing Director (Retd) U Aye Mauk and Managing Director U Maung Maung Toe of Myanmar General and Maintenance Industries of the Ministry of Industry-1 formally opened the Industrial

Products Show (Lower Myanmar) at Footwear Factory No. (1) in Mayangon Township here this morning.

A total of 287 kinds of products manufactured by 12 factories under the industries will be displayed at the show.

Health bicycle to be used in doing exercise at home manufactured by Bicycle Factory (Yangon) is on sale at the show.

Every one may visit the show from 9 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. up to 31 January.

MNA

MWJA opens Writing Method Course No. 1/2010

YANGON, 30 Jan—Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association opened Writing Method Course No. 1/2010 at the office of the association, Merchant Street, here,

this morning.

Vice-Chairman-1 of the MWJA U Tin Kha (Tekkatho Tin Kha) made an opening speech. Chairman of working committee for writer level U Tin Hlaing (Le-

dwin-tha Saw Chit) explained opening of the course.

A total of 47 trainees have been attending the course that takes four weeks.

MNA

CEC members of MWJA meets

YANGON, 30 Jan – The Central Executive Committee of Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association held the meeting (1/2010) at the hall of Sarpay Beikman

Building here yesterday.

Chairman U Hla Myaing (Ko Hsaung) made an opening address.

Next, Secretary Dr. Tin Tun Oo presented

reports on resolutions of the meeting and implementation of tasks and leaders of subcommittees on works carried out.

MNA

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife...

(from page 1)

departmental officials, wellwishers, members of religious and social organizations and local people presented rice and offertories to 45 members of the Sangha.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw



Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San and congregation receive the Five Precepts.—MNA



Rattha Guru Bhaddanta Osadabhivamsa.

Next, Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and party, departmental officials,



Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San offer alms to members of the Sangha.—MNA



Vice-Senior General Maung Aye cordially greets departmental officials, members of social organizations and local people offering alms to members of the Sangha.—MNA



Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and wife offer alms to members of the Sangha.—MNA

Mya Mya San and party cordially greeted those present.

Next, merit-sharing ceremony followed at the Sasana Beikmantaw. Staff Officer U Htin Lin of township Cooperative Department read out the agenda.

The ceremony was opened with the recitation of three times of "Namo Tassa" by members of the Sangha and congregation.

The congregation led by Vice-Senior General

Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San received the Five Precepts from State Ovadacariya Presiding Sayadaw Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Bhaddanta Vimalabhivamsa of Pakhan Monastery in Shwebo. Then members of the Sangha recited the "Partitas".

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San presented offertories to Secretary of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Nyaungdon Sayadaw and shared the merits gained.

wellwishers and townselders presented provisions to the members of the Sangha.

Then Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San and congregation received a sermon delivered by the Secretary of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Nyaungdon Sayadaw and shared the merits gained.

The ceremony came to an end after reciting the three times of "Buddha Sasanam Siram Tithathu".

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Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San paying respects to the elderly persons aged 85 and above in Kanbalu.—MNA

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife...

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Next, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife and party offered lunch to the members of the Sangha.

Myanmar Traditional Htamane-making competition to mark the 10th Buddha Pujaniya Festival was held on 27 January, 9000 Lighting Ceremony on 28 January evening and pagoda festival on 27 and 28

January on a grand scale at the compound of the pagoda.

On 28 January evening, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San attended the ceremony to pay respect to aged 85 and above elderly persons at the Sasana Beikmantaw of the pagoda, and paid respects and presented gifts to the aged.

Next, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and

wife Daw Mya Mya San visited Maha Shwesigyi Pariyatti Sarthintaik and paid respects to Presiding Sayadaw Bhaddanta Asara.

Then they arrived at Basic Education High School No (2) in Kanbalu and asked about academic matters of the school.

Afterwards, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San and party viewed development of Kanbalu in a motorcade.—MNA

Lt-Gen Myint Swe of Ministry of Defence attends opening ceremony of 10th annual general meeting of MLBF

YANGON, 30 Jan—Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence attended the opening ceremony of the 10th annual general meeting of Myanmar Livestock Breeding Federation and made an opening speech on the occasion at Thiri Annawa Hall of Myanmar Fisheries Federation in Insein Township this morning.

The ceremony of opening booths was held in front of the building of Myanmar Fisheries Federation. Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Win Myint, Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein and officials formally opened

the ceremony.

Next, Lt-Gen Myint Swe and party viewed round the booths on display at the ceremony. Afterwards, Lt-Gen Myint Swe made a speech at the opening ceremony of the 10th annual meeting of MLBF.

Wellwishers later donated cash at the ceremony. Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence, Commander Maj-Gen Win Myint and Minister Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein accepted the donations and presented certificates of honour to the wellwishers.

Next, an official presented the prizes for performances in organizing measures to the winners.

MNA



Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence views booths on display at the opening ceremony of the 10th annual meeting of MLBF.—MNA

Commander inspects regional development tasks in Cocogyun

YANGON, 30 Jan—Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander Maj-Gen Win Myint cordially met departmental officials, members of social organizations and local people and inspected progress in building a runway at Cocogyun airport yesterday morning.

After inspecting the sites chosen for construction of a TV retransmitting station, a hotel and the condition Cocogyun beach, the commander viewed a course of making blossom and bunches of flowers at the basic education high school.

At the prize presentation ceremony held at the school, the commander and officials presented prizes to outstanding students who had passed the 2008-2009 matriculation examination and wellwishers donated cash through the headmaster.

On arrival at the pre-primary school, the commander presented gifts to schoolchildren. Next, the commander presented glasses, gifts and medical funds at the township people's hospital and looked into progress in building the surgical ward and the medical store.

Next, the commander attended a ceremony to donate clothing, medicines and personal goods and presented varieties of clothing, medicines and personal goods.

After meeting servicemen and their families at the hall of local battalion, the commander made a speech on the occasion. Afterwards, the commander oversaw inflow of water to Cocogyun dam and its durability, the water tank and tasks of supplying water and gave instructions to officials concerned.—MNA

All this needs to be known

- * Do not be frightened whenever intimidated
- * Do not be bolstered whenever flattered
- * Do not be softened whenever appeased



Rice offering ceremony in progress at the 10th Buddha Pujaniya Festival and rice offering ceremony of Maha Shwesigyi Pagoda held in Kanbalu of Shwebo District, Sagaing Division. (News on page 1)—MNA

Meeting on holding 10th Plenary Meeting of 6th 47-member State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee and 4th meeting of 6th State Central Working Committee of Sangha held

YANGON, 30 Jan —A work coordination meeting on holding the 10th Plenary Meeting of the 6th 47-member State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee and the fourth meeting of the 6th State Central Working Committee of the Sangha took place at the Ministry of Religious Affairs (Yangon Branch Office) in Mayangon Township here this morning.

Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko gave an opening speech and Director General of the Religious Affairs Department U Myo Kyaw reported on tasks for holding the meetings. Officials of work committees also reported on their respective tasks. Then, the deputy minister gave a concluding remark.

MNA

Yesagyo enjoying development with concerted efforts of local people

Article & Photos: *Pe Tun Zaw (Yesagyo)*



A lamp-post being erected for development of Yesagyo.

(from page 16) the scene of heavy traffic involving heavy machinery, motorbikes and bicycles, and some traffic accident occurred there. Under the supervision of the

Township Peace and Development Council, the townselders committee and vehicle owners collectively sponsored the upgrading of the one-mile section of road to 20-foot-wide facility.

The remaining part of the road was repaved with the contributions of wellwisher U Aung Than-Thiri Thudhamma Theingi Daw Khin Than Oo (Kan Pwint Thanakha and Joss Stick) of Yesagyo who donated

K 1.4 million for the first time to renovate the tarred road, K 12 million for the second time and K 7 million for the third time, amounting to K 20.4 million. So far, the two-mile tarred road has been tarmacked for serving better transport for the local people.

After the entrance road to Yesagyo has been upgraded, the meeting on supply of electricity followed. In so doing, the power supply task was carried out along 10 furlongs from the exit of Yesagyo with K 6.8 million contributions by entrepreneurs including K 3.8 million by wellwisher U Aung

Than-Thiri Thudhamma Theingi Daw Khin Than Oo and family and their friends and K 7.9 million by the townselders committee.

With regard to their efforts, the responsible persons of the townselders committee explained that the erecting of lamp-posts and installation of power lines and fluorescent lamps started on 25-11-2009, and the power could be supplied to the lamp-posts on 5-12-2009. The achievement of development tasks was secured for the township in a short time due to generous contributions of the entrepreneurs and

concerted efforts of the government and departments concerned such as the Township Development Affairs Committee, the Myanmar Police Force and the Myanmar Fire Brigade.

At present, Yesagyo has been facilitated with the neat and tidy entrance tarred road along with lamp-posts, and local people are enjoying fruits of development through their utmost efforts.

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Photo shows lighting of lamp-posts along entrance road to Yesagyo at night.



People sit on a chair lift in the French ski resort of Avoriaz in 2009. A German tourist who injured himself while skiing in the Tyrolean Alps this month said he was asked to swipe his bank card before he could be treated, local radio ORF reported on Friday.—INTERNET

Iran starts work on first diesel engine

TEHRAN, 30 Jan—Plans by the Iran-Khodro automotive company to develop a diesel engine mark a milestone for the petrol-strapped country, executives said in Teheran.

Iran-Khodro, Iran's largest automotive manufacturer, announced plans to develop a diesel engine for the Samand line of passenger vehicles by the end of 2011, the semiofficial *Fars* news agency reports.

"It will be Iran's first passenger car diesel engine," said Ali Reza Aslani, the director of Iran's National Diesel Engine Project.

Aslani said the engine would be one of the best modern diesel engines in the world. He said the engine would get a fuel economy rating of about 60 miles per gallon and meet European standards.

Diesel engines, he said, consume 30 percent

less fuel than their petrol-burning counterparts.

Iran has the lowest gasoline prices in the region but lacks the ability to meet domestic demands. Strict rationing, meanwhile, has done little to curb consumption, which is among the highest in the region.

Iran has about two months worth of gasoline in various storage facilities, officials said in early January.

Internet

Four confirmed dead in building collapse in HK

HONG KONG, 30 Jan—Rescuers found one more body on Saturday morning from the rubble of an apartment building that tumbled in Hong Kong on Friday, bringing the death toll to four.

The building collapse in Hung Hom, Kowloon, also left two others injured and one missing, according to the government website. As of late on Friday night, the Social Welfare Department (SWD)

has reached 98 people from 44 households affected by the building collapse, providing those in need with emergency support and welfare services.

The Emergency Relief Support Unit of SWD has distributed food and daily

necessities to the affected residents to address their emergency needs. The department will hand 5,000 HK dollars as emergency relief fund to each of the affected and needy households registered with the government.—Xinhua



Rescuers send an injured man to an ambulance after a building collapsed in Kowloon of Hong Kong, south China, on 29 Jan, 2010. One person was killed in the sudden collapse of a 5-store apartment building in Hong Kong on Friday afternoon.—XINHUA

New Russian air defence system not for export yet

Moscow, 30 Jan—Russia's new S-400 air defence system was initially for domestic use only, despite strong export potential, a senior government exporter said on Thursday. The S-400 Triumph, Russia's latest generation of air defence missile systems, is designed to intercept and destroy airborne targets at distances of up to 400 km. The system is also believed to be able to destroy stealth aircraft, cruise missiles and ballistic missiles.

Anatoly Isaikin, head of Russia's state-run arms exporter Rosoboron export, told a news conference Russia would consider exports only after meeting the requirements of its own armed forces.

He said foreign countries had shown a great interest in the S-400 and "there are a lot of preliminary talks."

The first S-400 battalion entered combat duty in the Moscow region on 6 Aug, 2007.

Isaikin said Russia's

arms exports had maintained stable growth in the past nine years, with arms sales expanding each year and export destinations surpassing 70.

He said Russia's arms exports surged 10 percent in 2009 from the previous year to stand at 7.4 billion US dollars. Rosoboronexport, one of the world's leading arms exporters, controls 80 percent of Russia's arms exports and has established links with more than 70 countries.—Xinhua

Anti-pirate attack guidelines being ignored, UN says

WASHINGTON, 30 Jan—The majority of ships being hijacked off the coast of Somalia are ignoring safety advice, UN piracy experts say.

Carl Salicath, chairman of the UN group on piracy, told the *BBC* up to 25% of vessels passing through the Gulf of Aden are ignoring the UN's guidelines. "Commercial ships following these practices are, with a very few exceptions, not hijacked," he said. "They are designed, even if pirates become technically more sophisticated... to prevent hijacking."

The waters around Somalia are among the most dangerous in the world, despite patrols from the naval forces of the US, NATO and the European Union. Mr

Salicath said piracy experts meeting at the UN Headquarters on Thursday were told ships were ignoring some simple advice. He told the *BBC*'s Network Africa programme this included:

- Sailing as fast as possible
- Using barbed wire where pirates could possibly board

• Staying in contact with the international maritime forces

• Sailing at recommended times

The piracy experts also heard that piracy has continued to expand further out to sea, at times more than 1,000 nautical miles from Somalia's coast.

Internet



Mexican President calls for "robust" deal on climate change

DAVOS, 30 Jan—Mexican President Felipe Calderon on Friday called on business and political leaders to make concerted efforts for a "robust" agreement on climate change.

Speaking at the World Economic Forum annual meeting in Davos, Calderon said world leaders need to avoid the "mistakes" in Copenhagen, where a UN conference last year only reached limited agreement on tackling global warming.

The accord in Copenhagen, the Danish capital, "was not enough, nobody was satisfied with it," said Calderon, whose country will host the 2010 UN climate change conference from 29 Nov to 10 Dec.

He said he would push for "a robust, substantial and comprehensive agreement" at the new conference.—Xinhua

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV SINAR BIMA VOYNO (052)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV SINAR BIMA VOYNO (052) are hereby notified that the vessels will be arriving on 31.1.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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UN toll in Haiti 84 dead, 15 missing

PORT-AU-PRINCE, 30 Jan — At least 84 UN employees have been confirmed dead in the Haitian earthquake and another 15 are missing, officials said on Friday. The death toll includes 40 civilian staffers, 24 members of the UN peacekeeping force and 18 police officers, a World Food Programme employee and a volunteer.

Those found dead in the ruins of the UN Headquarters in Port-au-Prince included Hedy Annabi, the Tunisian head of the mission. UNESCO has asked the mission in Haiti to take on the task of safeguarding the country's cultural heritage. UNESCO has already helped save the archives of Haitian historian George Corvington and some of the frescoes of the ruined Catholic cathedral in Port-au-Prince.

Irina Bokova, the head of the agency, said some of the 17th-century buildings in Jacmel are at risk of collapse. Bokova said she has asked UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon to request the Security Council approve a moratorium on sales of Haitian art.

Internet

China's ZET says 2009 profit jumps up to 56 pct on 3G business gains

BEIJING, 30 Jan — ZET Corporation, China's largest telecom equipment producer by market value, said its profit is estimated to surge up to 56 percent in 2009 benefited by large-scale construction of 3G networks.

Profit is expected to total between 2.37 billion yuan (338 million US dollars) and 2.59 billion yuan, the company said in

a preliminary statement posted on the Web site of the Shenzhen Stock Exchange on Friday before its release of the annual report.

Earnings per share will rise up to 56 percent to 1.48 yuan.

Xinhua

Floods prompt Bolivia emergency

LA PAZ, 30 Jan — Bolivian President Evo Morales has declared a state of emergency in areas of the country, as heavy rains and floods affect some 24,000 families. The worst-hit areas are La Paz, Santa Cruz, Cochabamba, Chuquisaca and Beni. The flooding is expected to get worse as more rain is forecast.

Rivers have broken their banks and overflowed. There have been mudslides. Meanwhile rescuers in Peru renewed efforts to evacuate tourists trapped near the Inca site of Machu Picchu. Rain and mudslides there have severed road and rail links in the region.

However, a break in the weather has now allowed the authorities to send in



helicopters to ferry out several thousand tourists. The operation is expected to end by the weekend.

President Morales has toured Bolivia's affected areas and authorized the release of funds to help tackle the crisis. Earlier this week a heavy mudslide washed away 72 houses on the outskirts of the capital La Paz.

The rains, which have

swept away crops, livestock and communication lines, are blamed on the El Nino weather phenomenon which results in severe weather conditions across the Asia-Pacific region and beyond. Rain regularly increases in Bolivia in January and February. However, officials are saying that climate change is also to blame.

Internet



Officials examine damage to oil pipelines after an attack by the Movement for the Emancipation of Niger Delta in July. The main armed militant group in Nigeria on Saturday called off its unilateral ceasefire decreed last year in the country's vital oil-producing Niger Delta region and threatened new all-out attacks. — INTERNET

Nigeria militants end truce in Niger Delta oil region

ABUJA, 30 Jan — The main rebel group in Nigeria's oil-rich Niger Delta says it is ending the ceasefire it declared last October.

The Movement for the Emancipation of the Niger Delta (Mend) said it did not believe the government would restore control of resources to local people. Mend has demanded that residents be given a greater share in profits from oil resources and land.

It warned oil companies to prepare for what it called an all-out onslaught against installations and personnel. In a statement announcing the end of the ceasefire, Mend said that the decision had been taken "after careful consideration and extensive consultation".

"All companies related to the oil industry in the Niger Delta should prepare for an all-out onslaught," it went on. "Nothing will be spared," it added.

Militants have carried out a series of attacks which have cost Nigeria millions in lost revenue over the years. The attacks have meant that facilities in the area have been unable to work beyond two-thirds capacity, costing \$1bn a month in lost revenue.

Internet

US flight diverted over no-fly passenger list care

NEW YORK, 30 Jan — A US Continental Airlines flight, which on Friday departed from Newark International Airport in New Jersey and was scheduled to fly to Bogota, Colombia, was diverted mid-flight because the name of one of the passengers matched that of someone on the terror watch list.

According to New York local TV channel NY1, the flight was diverted to Jacksonville International Airport in Florida.

But officials said later that the passenger was not a match with the no-fly list.

US airlines are not allowed to issue a boarding pass to anyone on the no-fly list.

Xinhua

Dubai 'identifies suspects in Hamas commander killing'

DUBAI, 30 Jan — Authorities in Dubai say they have identified several "European passport holders" as suspects in the killing of a Hamas military commander last week. Preliminary investigations indicated Mahmoud al-Mabhouh was murdered by "a professional criminal gang" which followed him there, police said. The suspects are thought to have fled the United Arab Emirates.

Hamas claims Israel killed Mr Mabhouh, a founder of the Izzedine al-Qassam Brigades. Israel has not commented. Earlier, thousands of people attended the funeral of the 50-year-old in the Syrian capital, Damascus, where he had lived since 1989. — Internet

Drive with care

Apple showed off its latest invention, the iPad, in San Francisco on Wednesday. The hand-held, touch-screen tablet can display books, play movies, and surf the net. — INTERNET



Attack by militant group leaves 12 dead in Somalia

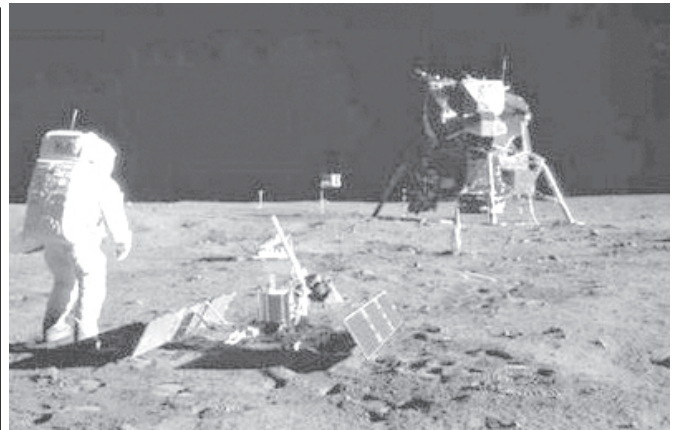
MOGADISHU, 30 Jan — A militant group associated with al-Qaeda attacked areas controlled by government troops and peacekeepers in Somalia early on Friday, leaving 12 dead and scores injured, witnesses said. Of the 12 killed, two were Al-Shabaab members, according to Sheik Ali Mohamud Raghe, the militants' spokesman. At least 30 people were

wounded and the number is expected to go up, medical officials said.

The attack involved heavy artillery and automatic weapons. It started at 2 am local time in the capital, Mogadishu, and targeted areas controlled by the African Union Mission for Somalia and government troops, according to Maj. Brigye Bahuko, an AMISOM spokesman. A

spokesman for the militants said they "inflicted heavy losses on AMISOM and government forces." But Somali government officials downplayed the offensive, calling it "small and careless."

Areas attacked include Mogadishu's strategic "Kilometer Four," a square connecting the airport and the port. The square has been hit several times, but this attack is considered among the most severe. African Union peacekeepers from Uganda are stationed there. — Internet



Astronaut and Lunar Module pilot Buzz Aldrin is pictured during the Apollo 11 extravehicular activity on the moon, in this July 29, 1969 photograph. Seeking to preserve the site where humans first set foot on the moon, a California state panel on 29 January, 2010 registered a collection of 106 objects left by the Apollo 11 mission as an historical resource. In the foreground is the Passive Seismic Experiment Package and beyond it is the Laser Ranging Retro-Reflector (LR-3). — INTERNET

Apple launches the iPad
Touchscreen tablet computer unveiled by Apple chief executive Steve Jobs Wednesday

16.97 cm
24.29 cm
1.3 cm
Weight: 700 g

On/off, sleep/wake
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Key features

- Memory: 16, 32 and 64 GB
- Processor: 1 GHz Apple A4 next-generation chip
- Operating system: OS X
- Battery life: Up to 10 hours

Models/prices:

- With Wi-Fi connectivity: Wi-Fi + 32GB (US\$499, available worldwide in March)
- Wi-Fi + 16GB* (US\$429)
- Wi-Fi + 64GB (US\$829)

Screen: 24.6-cm LED display
Resolution: 1024 x 768 pixels
Virtual touchscreen keyboard
Runs applications for iPod Touch and iPhone on Apple's App Store

*All Wi-Fi with 3G available in late April in US, select countries. Source: Apple 2010 10 iPad

Fact file and illustration on Apple's iPad. As Apple takes a bruising over the moniker of its latest creation some technology analysts are shrugging off the fuss over the name to focus on what's inside the iPad. — INTERNET

6-year-old boy injured in San Jose gunfire

SAN JOSE, 30 Jan — A 6-year-old boy playing with other children in front of an apartment complex was struck in a spray of bullets Friday night after a shooter fired at a group of people nearby.

The boy, who was hit in the leg, did not suffer life-threatening injuries. He was taken to a hospital for treatment.

About 8:30 pm, a male dressed in all black approached the group standing at an apartment complex in the 2200 block of Lanai Avenue and fired at the group, said San Jose police Officer Jermaine Thomas.

The boy, who was playing at a nearby carport, was struck by the gunfire. No one else was hit.

Thomas said it was unclear whether the shooter drove by in a vehicle or approached the group on foot. Thomas said it was too early to tell whether the shooting was gang-related.

Internet

Flight returns to Urumqi airport after passenger burns toilet paper

URUMQI, 30 Jan — A passenger burned toilet paper in the washroom on a domestic flight in China Saturday, forcing the plane to return to the departure airport in Urumqi, capital city of Xinjiang.

The crew of the flight CZ6939, a China Southern airplane bound for central Chinese city of Wuhan, discovered the passenger's behavior some time after take-off, according to Xinjiang police sources.

Two passengers, including a man and a woman, were taken away by police after the flight landed at the Diwobao International Airport in Urumqi. The case is being investigated. — Xinhua

Eurozone unemployment rate hits 10%

LONDON, 30 Jan — Unemployment in the 16 countries that use the euro hit 10% in December for the first time since the single currency was introduced in 1999. It had been reported that the rate hit 10% in November, but this has subsequently been revised down to 9.9%. Some 15.8 million people are

now out of work in the eurozone, according to Eurostat.

Across all 27 countries that make up the EU, there are now 23 million people unemployed. Latvia has the highest jobless rate in the EU at 22.8%. Spain continues to have the highest rate in the eurozone - rising to 19.5% in December, up

from 19.4% in November. The Netherlands has the lowest jobless rate at 4%, followed by Austria at 5.4%.

Some 21% of under-25s in the eurozone were unemployed in December 2009, with Spain suffering the highest rate of all, at 44.5%. According to Eurostat, a total of 87,000 jobs were lost across the eurozone during December. That was the lowest increase since May 2008. Responding to the figures, Howard Archer from IHS Global Insight says eurozone unemployment will increase further in the coming year. — Internet



The unemployment rate in Spain has increased to 19.5%. — INTERNET

Artists perform during a carnival opening parade in downtown Montevideo on 28 Jan, 2010. The carnival will run for more than a month. — XINHUA



Ten dead, over 30 missing as boat capsizes in southern India

NEW DELHI, 30 Jan — At least 10 people were drowned and more than 30 others missing when a boat capsized in Godavari river in the southern Indian state of Andhra Pradesh early on Saturday morning, a senior police official said.

The mishap took place near Biyyaputeppa village in the state's West Godavari District, said the official. "The boat capsized in the middle of the river. All the passengers were drowned. The bodies of 10 people have been recovered but some 30 people are still missing and are feared to be dead," the official said.

Xinhua

SPORTS

Bayern must keep winning, says striker Gomez

BERLIN, 30 Jan—Bayern Munich striker Mario Gomez believes the German giants will need to win all of their remaining Bundesliga games to be sure of the title - starting with Mainz on Saturday. Bayern are second in the table, two



Bayern Munich striker Mario Gomez

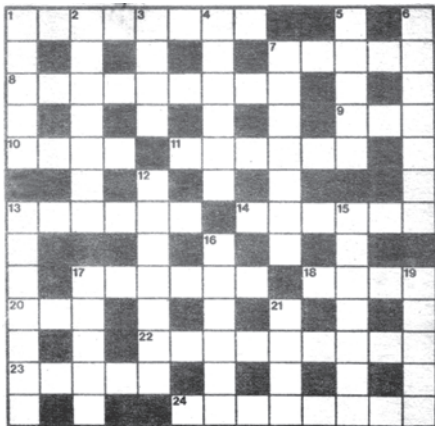
points off leaders Leverkusen who host strugglers Freiburg on Sunday.

Having let a 2-0 lead slip to a 2-2 draw against Bochum last weekend, third-placed Schalke will be hoping to take advantage of Hoffenheim's slump in form when the sides meet on Saturday. The fate of this season's Bundesliga title could well be decided when Bayern visit Leverkusen on the second weekend of April, but until then Gomez says Bayern must keep winning.—Internet

Federer to play Murray in Australian Open final

MELBOURNE, 30 Jan—Roger Federer said the pressure was all on Andy Murray in Sunday's Australian Open final after he cruised past flat Frenchman Jo-Wilfried Tsonga in straight sets in their semi-final. The Swiss top seed powered into a record 22nd Grand Slam final with a 6-2, 6-3, 6-2 win over the 2008 runner-up and 10th seed in just one hour 28 minutes on Rod Laver Arena on Friday.—Internet

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- 20 Wretched dog
- 22 Game-bird
- 23 Age
- 24 Empty words

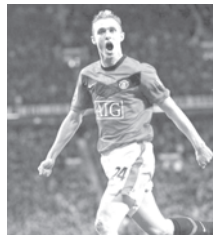
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- 1 Playful skip
- 2 Loss of memory
- 3 Metal
- 4 Damsel
- 5 Wanderer
- 6 Bony
- 7 Navigational instrument
- 12 Tombstone inscription
- 13 School-bag
- 15 Wash clothes
- 16 Pertaining to choir
- 17 Body of soldiers
- 19 Clean with broom
- 21 Season's yield

Fergie hits out at Wenger over Fletcher criticism

MANCHESTER, 30 Jan—Sir Alex Ferguson believes Arsene Wenger "has let himself" down over comments the Arsenal manager has made about Manchester United midfielder Darren Fletcher. Ferguson described Fletcher as one of the best players in the world on Wednesday after his commanding performance helped United squeeze past Manchester City into the League Cup final after a dramatic 3-1 semi-final second leg win at Old Trafford.

But while the United manager is clearly a huge fan of Fletcher, Wenger is most certainly not. After losing 2-1 to United at Old Trafford earlier this season, Wenger - angered by Fletcher's fiery tackling -



United manager Sir Alex Ferguson described his Scottish midfielder Darren Fletcher as one of the best players in the world on Wednesday.

INTERNET

claimed he was little more than a bully who played "anti-football". Ferguson has taken exception to that opinion and has questioned whether Wenger even believes it himself.

Internet

Relentless Barcelona look to keep pressure on

BARCELONA, 30 Jan—League leaders Barcelona head into the second half of the season unbeaten and their imperious form shows little side of subsiding to allow Real Madrid to close the five-point gap at the top. They joined a select group of teams to go the first 19 games of the season without defeat after sweeping aside Valladolid and now it is the turn of Sporting Gijon to try and stop the side that won all six trophies they competed for in 2009.

Barca coach Pep Guardiola remains cautious though and believes there will be plenty of twists and turns still to come. "This is just an anecdote, last year at this

stage of the season we had a 12 point lead over Madrid and in the end we had to go to the Bernabeu and win," he said. Barca have won their last three league games scoring 12 goals in the process and Xavi Hernandez's performances have been instrumental.

Internet

Chelsea told to put foot down as Drogha returns

LONDON, 30 Jan—Chelsea will welcome Didier Drogha back from African Nations Cup duty this weekend and club captain John Terry believes the Londoners are ready to put their foot down in the Premier League title race. Recent weeks have seen Carlo Ancelotti's squad regain the momentum that deserted them as they stumbled their way through December.

An ominously efficient 3-0 win over Birmingham in midweek lifted Chelsea back to the top of the Premier League table and Terry sees this weekend as an opportunity to apply an additional bit of pressure

on rivals Manchester United and Arsenal.

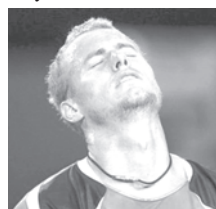
With Arsenal hosting champions United at The Emirates on Sunday it is inevitable that one or both clubs will drop points, making it imperative that Chelsea emerge unscathed from Saturday's trip to Burnley, who slipped into the relegation zone after losing to Bolton in midweek.—Internet



Didier Drogha

Hip surgery sidelines Hewitt till French Open

MELBOURNE, 30 Jan—Former world number one Lleyton Hewitt will be out



Former world number one Lleyton Hewitt

of action for at least three months after undergoing hip surgery following his exit from the Australian Open. The Australian world number 22, who was beaten in straight sets by top seed Roger Federer in the fourth round, hopes to return in time to play some European clay court tournaments ahead of the French Open in late May.

Internet

Zaccheroni targets Champions League finish with Juve

ROME, 30 Jan—Juventus on Friday named Alberto Zaccheroni as their new coach in place of Ciro Ferrara, who was sacked after a string of poor results. It is Zaccheroni's first job since he was fired as coach of Torino in February 2007, and he takes charge of Juve in time for Sunday's Serie A home clash with Lazio. He wasted no time in vowing to haul the club up by their bootstraps, immediately promising to deliver Champions League qualification.

Internet



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Henin fairytale collides head on with Serena reality

MELBOURNE, 30 Jan—Justine Henin's fairytale is set to collide head on with Serena Williams' reality when the pair resume their fierce rivalry in the Australian Open women's final. Henin is making her much-heralded comeback to Grand Slam tennis at this year's Open, where she is hoping to emulate fellow Belgian Kim Clijsters' feat of winning the 2009 US Open on her return to tennis.

If she wins on Saturday it will be the 27-year-old Henin's eighth Grand Slam title and her second Australian Open, and only the second time a wildcard will have claimed a Grand Slam (Clijsters was the first). If Williams triumphs, the American will claim her fifth Australian Open crown and equal Billie Jean King's record of 12 Grand Slam singles titles.—Internet



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Water vapour caused one-third of global warming in 1990s, study reveals

LONDON, 30 Jan—Scientists have underestimated the role that water vapour plays in determining global temperature changes, according to a new study that could fuel further attacks on the science of climate change.

The new study analysed water vapour in the stratosphere, about 10 miles up, where it acts as a potent greenhouse gas and traps heat at the Earth's surface.

Satellite measurements were used to show that water vapour levels in the

stratosphere have dropped about 10% since 2000. When the scientists fed this change into a climate model, they found it could have reduced, by about 25% over the last decade, the amount of warming expected to be caused by carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases.

They conclude: "The decline in stratospheric water vapour after 2000 should be expected to have significantly contributed to the flattening of the global warming trend in the last decade."—*Internet*



A pygmy hippopotamus (*Choeropsis liberiensi*) opens its mouth as it waits to be fed inside its enclosure at the Singapore Zoo on 29 January 2010. —INTERNET

MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (31-1-2010) (Sunday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	- (09:00am-10:00am) MST
Europe	- (19:30pm-21:30pm) MST
North America	- (23:30pm-07:30am) MST

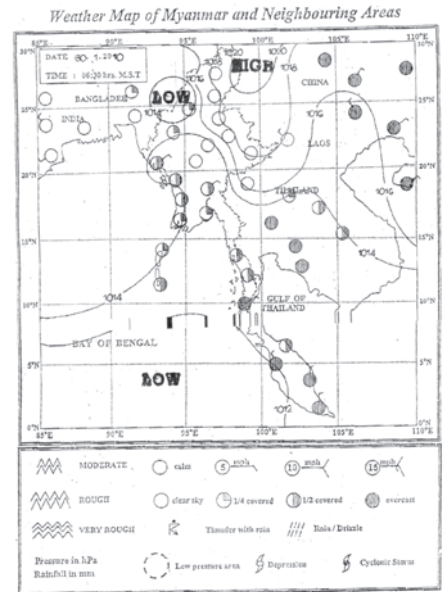
Local Transmission

- * Signature Tune
- * Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights
- * Travelogue (PyinOoLwin)
- * Bamboo Parquet
- * Lacquerware Museum
- * Myanmar Traditional Musical Instruments (Percussion Instruments) (Drum)
- * Myanmar Modern Song
- * Preservation and Reproduction of Sea Turtle
- * Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights

Europe/ North America Transmission

- * Signature Tune
- * Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights
- * Travelogue (PyinOoLwin)
- * Bamboo Parquet
- * National Dance
- * Myanmar Traditional Musical Instruments (Percussion Instruments) (Drum)
- * Myanmar Modern Song
- * Preservation and Reproduction of Sea Turtle
- * Myanmar Modern Song
- * The Persons who love birds
- * Export Prawn
- * Smogless Sky, Enchanting Smiles (Inlay, Shwe Nyaung)
- * Cultures Stage
- * Lifestyles Along The Ayeyawady (Mandalay to Pyay) (Part-I)
- * Songs on Screen
- * Red panda
- * Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights

Website: www.mrtv3.net.mm



WEATHER

Saturday, 30th January, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Rakhine State and Taninthayi Division and generally fair in the remaining States and Divisions. Night temperatures were (3°C) below January average temperatures in Kachin State and Mandalay Division, (5°C) to (6°C) below January average temperatures in Chin and Rakine States, upper Sagaing Division, (3°C) to (4°C) above January average temperatures in Mon State, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions and about January average temperatures in the remaining areas. The significant night temperatures were Haka and Loilem (-1°C), Namhsam (1°C), Pinlaung and Heho (3°C) each.

Maximum temperature on 29-1-2010 was 96°F. Minimum temperature on 30-1-2010 was 61°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 30-1-2010 was 91%. Total sun shine hours on 29-1-2010 was (9.2) hours approx.

Rainfall on 30-1-2010 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (Tr) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and (Nil) at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from South at (14:30) hours MST on 29-1-2010.

Bay inference: Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy in the Southwest Bay and partly cloudy in the Andaman Sea and elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 31st January 2010: Weather will be partly cloudy in Kachin, Shan and Rakhine States, Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Mandalay Divisions and generally fair in the remaining States and Divisions.

State of the sea: Seas will be moderate in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of slight decrease of night temperatures in the Eastern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 31-1-2010: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 31-1-2010: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 31-1-2010: Generally fair weather.

Myanmar



Sunday, 31
January
View on today

7:00 am

- မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ပရိတ်တရားတော်ယောဆရာတော်ဟောကြားတော်မူသော ဥပ္ပါတသန္တိပါဠိတော်

7:25 am

- To Be Healthy Exercise

7:30 am

- Morning News

7:40 am

- အပွဲလမာမင်္ဂလ (ယဉ်ဝေထွန်းအေးတေးရေး-ဝိတဇာဆိုဆိုအိုးနွယ်ဆွေ)

7:55 am

- Nice & Sweet Song

8:05 am

- အတိုးပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:10 am

- ယဉ်ကျေးလိမ္မာ(၃၈)ဖြာမင်္ဂလာ

8:20 am

- Musical Programme

8:25 am

- Dance Of National Races

8:30 am

- International News

8:35 am

- "လက်တွေ့မြေချင်လို့"

11:00 am

- Martial Song

11:10 am

- နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ဟာသကမ္ဘာ" (အပိုင်း-၆၈)

12:05 pm

- Golf Magazine (TV)

12:30 pm

- မြန်မာ့ရုပ်ရှင်မိုးကုတ်စက်ပိုင်းကို တော်လှန်၍ (လွင်မိုးထွန်းအိန္ဒြာဇိုလ်)

4:00 pm

- Martial Song

4:10 pm

- အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

4:15 pm

- "အိုးပိုင်အိမ်ပိုင်"

4:30 pm

- အေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်

4:45 pm

- ပညာရေးရုပ်မြင်သံကြား

4:50 pm

- သင်ခန်းစာ တတိယနှစ်

4:55 pm

- (ဇီးပွားရေးပညာအထူးပြု)

5:00 pm

- (ဇီးပွားရေးပညာ)

5:10 pm

5. Songs For Uphold

5:25 pm

- National Spirit

5:40 pm

6. "မွေးကင်းစကလေးပြုရ

5:50 pm

- စောင့်ရှောက်ရေး"

6:00 pm

- (အပိုင်း-၂)

6:15 pm

7. Musical Programme

6:30 pm

8. Sing & Enjoy

6:45 pm

9. Evening News

6:55 pm

10. Weather Report

6:20 pm

11. တစ်မျက်နှာတစ်ကွက်စာ

6:30 pm

- "စိန်သားနှစ်လိပ်ပြာ"

6:40 pm

- (ဒိုင်ပွင့်ဝါးအောင်)

6:50 pm

- (ဒါရိုက်တာ-မေတင်

7:00 pm

- (MMG))

7:10 pm

12. Musical Programme

7:20 pm

13. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

7:30 pm

- "တော်ဝင်နှလုံးသား"

7:40 pm

- (အပိုင်း-၉)

7:50 pm

14. News

8:00 pm

15. International News

8:10 pm

16. Weather Report

8:20 pm

17. "ဒိုင်ပွင့်ဆာဇာဇာဇာဇာဇာ"

8:30 pm

- (အပိုင်း-၈၂)

8:40 pm

18. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

8:50 pm

- "ရွှေဇွဲဇာလည်"

9:00 pm

- (အပိုင်း-၄)

9:10 pm

19. ဝိတတ်ခါးလေးဖွင့်ပါဦး

9:20 pm

20. "ရုပ်သံကြယ်ပွင့်များ"

- ★ Only with stability and peace will the nation develop
- ★ Only with stability and peace will democratization process be successful

- ★ Anarchy begets anarchy, not democracy
- ★ Riots beget riots, not democracy
- ★ Democracy can be introduced only through constitution

People's Desire

- We favour peace and stability
- We favour development
- We oppose unrest and violence
- Wipe out those inciting unrest and violence

- VOA, BBC-sowing hatred among the people
- RFA, DVB-generating public outrage
- Do not allow ourselves to be swayed
- By broadcasts designed to cause troubles

Yesagyo enjoying development with concerted efforts of local people

Article & Photos: *Pe Tun Zaw (Yesagyo)*



Neat and tidy tarred road in Yesagyo seen with beautiful landscaping and lamp-posts.

The Tatmadaw government has striven for equitable development of all regions of the country including rural areas and border regions.

The people are joining hands with the government for gaining development momentum in their respective regions. We, the news crew of Kyemon Daily, had an interview with the townselders committee of Yesagyo for its efforts to keep the town of

Pakokku District clean and pleasant.

To enter Yesagyo, a traveller has to pass two miles and three furlongs section from Tamadan junction on Mandalay-Pakokku Road. In the past, this section of the road was mixed with the 12-foot-wide tarred road, the bullock cart track and the pavement. As a symbol of development, the section was (See page 10)

World's lightest mobile phone to be sold in Philippines

MANILA, 30, Jan — The world's lightest mobile phone will be sold soon in the Philippines, local media "Inquirer.net" reported on Wednesday.

The new model designed by Israel will be introduced by Globe Telecom of the Philippines. But, no pricing or date has been set yet for the introduction of the modu, the report said.

However, a basic package of a modu phone

costs 125 U.S. dollars.

The modu was included in the Guinness World Records last year as the world's lightest phone at only 40.1 grams or 1.41 ounces.

The modu is in itself a standalone mobile phone with SMS or text messaging features. It can also store up to 2 gigabytes of data, which can be accessed by connecting the modu into "jackets." The unit does not have 3G capabilities.

Xinhua



A little giant puppet walks near people at O'Higgins park as part of a performance of the street theatre company Royal de Luxe in Santiago, capital of Chile, on 29 Jan, 2010.—INTERNET